

BORDER SITUATION GROWS SERIOUS

ASSEMBLY IS CONVENED AT SPRINGFIELD

Both Branches of Legislature Begin Organization After Opening.

CLIFFE HEADS SENATE

Defeats Gorman as Pro Tempore President—Dunne Delivers Message.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 3.—Three days after the body of Marie Collett, the advertising art model, was found in her uptown apartment, the police are still trying to unravel a maze of clues.

Captain of Detectives Tate persists in the theory that the murderer was committed by a degenerate. He believes the slayer to have been a negro. Dr. Charles E. Briscoe, a police surgeon, contends that two persons might have been in the room at the time. There was no blood on the girl's clothing and one person could not have carried the body without getting沾污 on the garments.

A dozen persons—including a wealthy manufacturer and a young university belle—have been questioned by detectives.

Despite the belief of the captain of the city detective that the former millionaire was beaten, beaten and strangled by a degenerate, there are persistent anti-German reports that a wealthy young man from Chicago has not yet given up his efforts to explain or knowing something about the murder. Captain Tate said, however, the man who was an admirer of Miss Collett and was present with presents of jewelry and money, gave satisfactory account of his whereabouts last Friday, the day the murder is believed to have occurred. He is not wanted by the police.

Captain Tate said the woman had been hit on the head apparently as she tried to raise a window in her bedroom to shout for help. The window sill is stained with blood.

The man's shirt found in the bedroom was blood stained on the right side, as if the wearer had carried the woman. There is other evidence to bear out the theory that the woman was assaulted, Captain Tate said. "It is not so certain that there was a desperate fight preceding the murder," the captain said. "It is evident, in my mind, that the fight did not last long because the victim's wife and sons living directly opposite her apartment heard no noise."

One of the theories discussed by the police was that the mother may have been the result to blackmail one of Miss Collett's admirers.

Dunne Delivers Message.

At 1 p.m. the senate had completed its organization and took a recess until 2 p.m. when the session was resumed to hear Governor Dunne's message.

The house, proceeding with the work of organizing, chose Norman L. Price of St. Louis, republican, as temporary chairman. David J. Shanahan, the representative candidate for speaker, now to take the chair later in the afternoon.

Chair Justice Berg of the state supreme court administered the oath of office to members of both houses.

Shanahan Speaker.

Mr. Shanahan was elected permanent speaker of the house as the election of a speaker of the house of 57 by 56, with 16 votes for "Speaker" and 41 for "Speaker-elect." Mr. Shanahan, however, has announced that he will not accept the speakership.

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118 Appointments Made, 1000 to 1000 Appointments Pending.

Appointed on Date Chosen.

"LEAK" RESOLUTION REFERRED BY HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 3.—Representatives were requested for a special investigation of charges of a "leak" in President Wilson's peace note, was fully answered by the house today and a resolution was adopted to refer the committee to report within 20

WILSON WORRIES ENGLISH PAPER

Westminster Gazette Says If President Is Determined To Have Peace Others Must Watch Step.

ALLIED NOTE NO SURPRISE TO GERMANY

Paper Unanimous Entente Reply Was Only View Fully Expected.

STROKE FOR EFFECT?

Regard the Text Addressed to Neutrals—Hope for Peace Still Seen.

Berlin, Jan. 3 (via London, Jan. 2 10:40 a.m.)—The reply of the entente to the peace proposals of the central powers is discussed at length this morning by the newspapers, which base their remarks on the unofficial press version of the note, as received here from French sources. The newspaper are unanimous in saying the answer of the entente is only what was to be expected in view of the unsuccesses of statements of the hostile nations.

The opinion is expressed that the note was addressed less to the central powers than to the people of the entente countries and to neutrals, namely strong democratic language calculated according to the German opinion, further to inflame passions against the Teutonic allies. In particular, it is declared the section devoted to Belgium is intended expressly for the American people.

Regarded as Brusque.

In general, the answer is regarded as too stiff and most brusque possible, and to be couched in insulting and exasperating terms never before seen in an international document. All the newspapers agree that the only answer the central powers can give is with the sword, that the war must be continued until the allies themselves sue for peace.

Still Hopeful.

"Only a few newspapers see even a faint hope that peace still may be attainable within a reasonable time, curiously enough the super-nationalist, pro-German Tagesspiele Berliner maintains a certain show of optimism.

The thought of peace is not quelled by this reflection."

But even this utterance is qualified by the explanation that peace can come only through failure of the entente plans of conquest and the crashing of Germany.

Peace Relative Vacuity.

The Tagesspiele also believes the idea of peace relieves its stability, saying:

"Even though the attempt is made to bury it under a continued armaments peace will continue to rise higher than ever after every failure to achieve expected victory."

The socialist newspaper Vorwärts, which has been the leading peace organ of Germany for many months, still holds that the policy of attempting to end the war by means of terminating the war must continue, but that the defense of the country must go on without flagging. It is contended that the responsibility for continuation of the war rests with the government.

The socialists' position of great peace, and if we have to realize this, we are bound to treat him as a very serious factor at this stage of the war. If, as suggested, he is taking steps to get his nation ratified by a resolution of the senate, we should have to take that as a definite indication that he intends to go on in spite of our ranks."

BURGLAR SLAYS DANVILLE WOMAN

Danville, Ill., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Oscar Goddard, 46, of Vicksburg, Ind., 20 miles east of Danville, was struck on the head with an ax by a burglar at midnight, dying about daylight today. He was 52 years old. He died this week at the state soldiers' home here where he had frequently told his graphic version of the shooting.

ORCHESTRA MAN OF FORD THEATRE DIES

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YEGGS CRACK SAFE AND FIND IT EMPTY

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 3.—Robbers broke the safe of the Alexander Lumber company's office at Anchor last night, finding the safe empty. They however, left \$50 in cash and a check for \$10 at the Anchor garage, where they managed to work the combination of the safe.

DAVIS HEADS BOARD.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Edgar Davis was elected president of the Chicago Butter and Egg board today. Other officers chosen were C. J. Bowman, first vice president; M. H. Elchegreen, treasurer and Thomas E. O'Neill, secretary.

THE WEATHER

Forecast THU 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Thursday, moderate temperature with the lowest tonight slight below freezing.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 27. Highest today, 43; lowest last night, 27.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., six miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

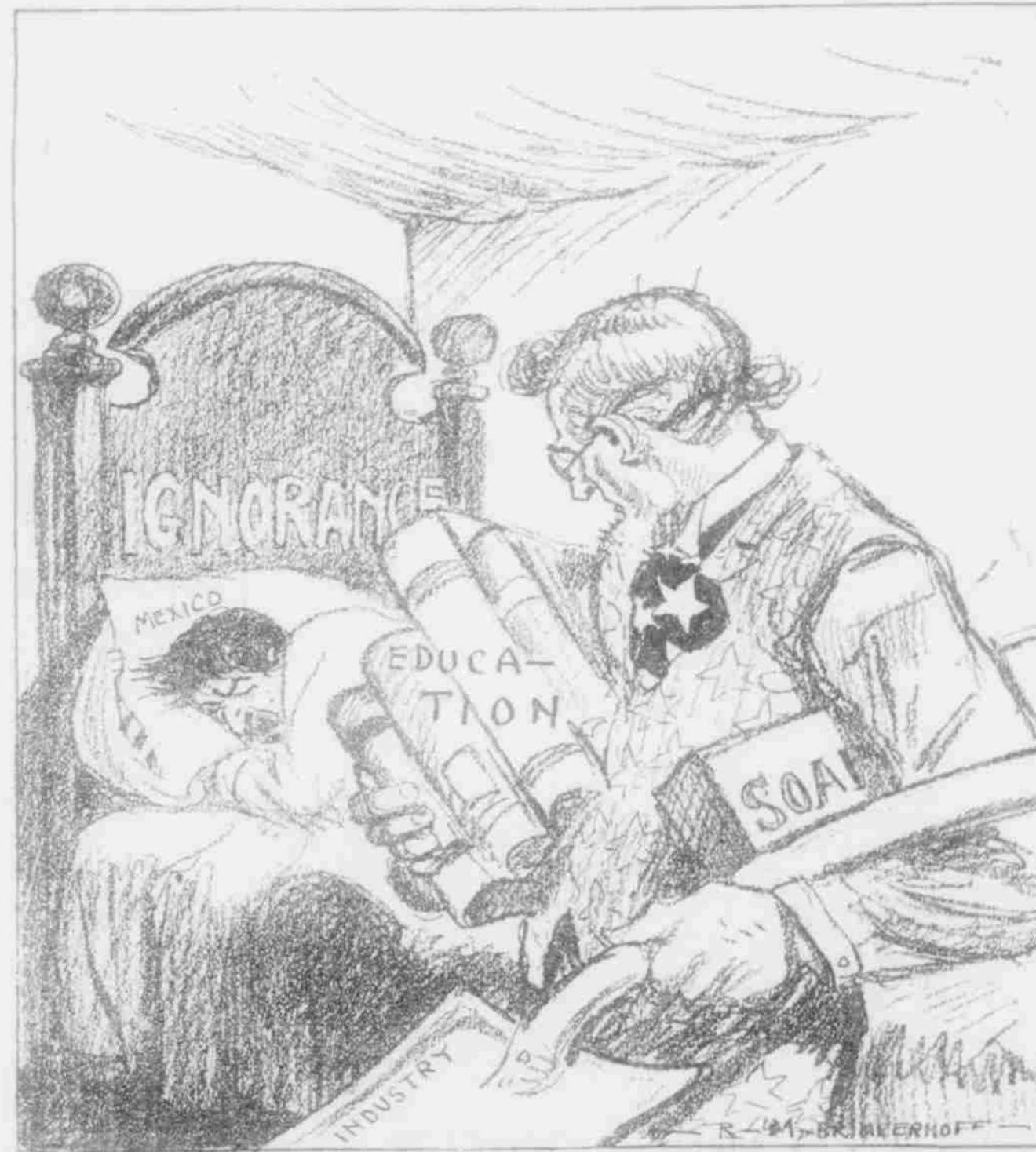
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 80, at 7 a. m. 84, at 1 p. m. today, 87.

Stage of water 4 feet; no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

PLEASE GO 'WAY AND LET ME SLEEP"

By BRINKERHOFF



Report Japs Selling Arms to Carranza

SENATORS IN HEATED TALK ON PEACE ACT

Pass Another Day Without Endorsing Wilson Proposal to Belligerents

Gerard Gets Berlin View Peace Reply

Berlin, Jan. 3 (via London, Jan. 2 10:40 a.m.)—United States Ambassador Gerard took advantage of a New Year's call yesterday to discuss the entente's answer to Germany's peace proposal with Oberstleutnant von Estmann-Hollweg. The ambassador is believed to have learned what possibility there is of Germany acting favorably to a renewed request for conditions of peace should the United States make such a year ago.

Other reports, lacking official confirmation, said the administration is seriously considering ordering General Pershing's troops back to American soil to be distributed along the border for military reasons, regardless of Carranza's protests.

Carranza Condemns Arrested.

New York, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza's special general here, was today arrested, charged with being concerned in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo proclamation of October 1915.

OPEN HEARING ON 2-CENT RATE LAW

Petitions of 29 Railroads to Restrict Enforcement of Bidding Law Are Up in Federal Court.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Hearing of the petition of 29 railroads to restrain the Illinois public utilities commission and other state administrative bodies from enforcing the Illinois two cent fare law was to begin today in federal court here before Judges Landis, Casper and Evans. Representatives of half a dozen western states were expected to be present.

Suspension for four months of the schedules filed by the railroads increasing practically all state passenger fares to two and four-tenths cents a mile has been ordered by the state public utility commission, pending the decision of the court.

The railroads filed their protest yesterday. The railroads, men of Kentuck, Iowa, with the Interstate commerce commission charging that the railroads discriminated in favor of Illinois points across the Mississippi river from those cities when interstate fares of two and a half cents were charged by the railroads. An order was issued by the railroads for interstate commerce commission to cease discriminations against those cities and later it was amended to compel readjustment of interstate rates in Illinois. The higher rates schedules are based on this order.

HORSE RACING BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

Chicago, Jan. 3.—A bill seeking to revive horse racing in Illinois is to be introduced in the state legislature next week. William E. Golden, secretary of the Business Men's association of Illinois, announced today. The association will sponsor the measure. The bill will prohibit bookmaking and provides for a state racing commission to control the sport.

BACHELORS GO TO LUCKY NUMBERS IN RAFFLE AT DANCE

Glen Carbon, Ill., Jan. 3.—Three eligible bachelors and "guaranteed providers," who were willing to marry, were won by three women at a matrimonial raffle as the climax of a dance given by the Glen Carbon Bachelors club.

The names of the prizes and the bachelors of the lucky numbers, as given by Carl Huffman, a member of the club, are:

Joe Glenson, 30 years old, coal miner of Glen Carbon, won by Miss Minnie Fletcher of Glen Carbon.

Charles Hendricks, 38 years old, marble worker of Edwardsville, won by Miss Sarah Brown of Denver.

Joe Jiggers, 34 years old, bartender of Glen Carbon, won by Miss Rose Brown of Denver.

The Misses Brown are sisters. They

were not present at the drawing, having sent their numbers and names to two young women of Glen Carbon, who drew for them.

The numbers of the women were placed in a woman's hat, and the names of the willing three in a man's hat. They were drawn simultaneously by a small boy.

The chances were advertised at 10 cents apiece, but many of the women gave free tickets at the dance hall floor.

Nearly every unmarried eligible woman in Glen Carbon was present.

WABASH EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILLED

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